

Remarks

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks below. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Furthermore, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

In the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2007, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Hennum et al. (US Patent No.: 6,259,445), hereafter "Hennum" in view of Cooper (US Patent No.: 6,871,348), hereinafter "Cooper". Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 7 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 14 and 15, respectively, as suggested by the Examiner in the above-referenced telephonic interview, to place independent claims 1 and 7 in condition for allowance. Applicant has also amended dependent claim 13 into independent form as suggested by the Examiner in the above-referenced telephonic interview.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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